BEFORE THE APPEALS BOARD FOR THE KANSAS DIVISION OF WORKERS COMPENSATION

KATHERINE L. KING	}
Claimant VS.	Decket No. 101 262
WESLEY MEDICAL CENTER	Docket No. 181,362
Respondent AND	
HCA OF KANSAS, INC.	
Insurance Carrier AND	
WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND	{

ORDER

Claimant requested review of the Award entered by Administrative Law Judge Shannon S. Krysl dated August 15, 1995. The Appeals Board heard oral argument on January 10, 1996.

APPEARANCES

Claimant appeared by her attorney, Dale V. Slape of Wichita, Kansas. Respondent and its insurance carrier appeared by their attorney, Frederick L. Haag of Wichita, Kansas. The Workers Compensation Fund appeared by its attorney, Steven L. Foulston of Wichita, Kansas.

RECORD AND STIPULATIONS

The record considered by the Appeals Board and the parties' stipulations are listed in the Award.

Issues

The Administrative Law Judge denied claimant's request for permanent partial general disability benefits. Claimant asks the Appeals Board to review the issue of nature and extent of disability. That is the sole issue on this review.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

After reviewing the entire record, the Appeals Board finds:

The Administrative Law Judge's finding that claimant is not entitled to permanent partial general disability benefits should be affirmed.

The Appeals Board adopts the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Law Judge. The Appeals Board finds the opinions of board-certified surgeon James L. Gluck, M.D., to be persuasive and, based upon that testimony, finds that claimant's symptoms are not related to her employment with the respondent. The Administrative Law Judge appointed Dr. Gluck to conduct an independent medical examination and he is, therefore, an unbiased witness and disinterested in the outcome of this litigation.

AWARD

WHEREFORE, it is the finding, decision, and order of the Appeals Board that the Award entered by Administrative Law Judge Shannon S. Krysl dated August 15, 1995, denying claimant permanent partial general disability benefits should be, and hereby is, affirmed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.		
Dated this day of July 1996.		
	BOARD MEMBER	
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c: Dale V. Slape, Wichita, KS Frederick L. Haag, Wichita, KS Steven L. Foulston, Wichita, KS Shannon S. Krysl, Administrative Law Judge Philip S. Harness, Director